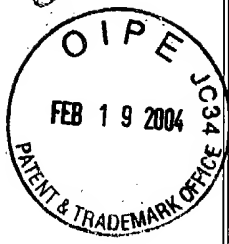


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In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003 (Paper No. 15),  
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